

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A slider for supporting at least one transducer, the slider comprising:
a slider body having a bearing surface and an opposing mounting surface; and
an adhesive control feature formed on the mounting surface to increase a
surface area on which an adhesive is deposited.
2. The slider of claim 1, wherein the adhesive control feature comprises at least
one reservoir formed on the mounting surface of the slider body, each reservoir
having a bottom surface and side surfaces.
3. The slider of claim 2, wherein the at least one reservoir is configured to receive
at least a portion of the deposited adhesive, thereby effectively reducing a size of the
adhesive deposited on the slider body.
4. The slider of claim 2, wherein the at least one reservoir comprises an
elongated channel.
5. The slider of claim 2, wherein the at least one reservoir further comprises at
least one island that protrudes from the bottom surface of the reservoir toward the
mounting surface, each island having a top surface and side surfaces.
6. The slider of claim 5, wherein the side surfaces of the at least one island extend
from the bottom surface of the top surface of the island such that the top surface is
coplanar with the mounting surface.

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7. The slider of claim 1, wherein the adhesive control feature comprises at least one pillar that protrudes from the mounting surface in a direction generally away from the bearing surface, each pillar having a top surface and side surfaces.
8. The slider of claim 7, wherein at least a portion of the adhesive deposited on the slider body at least partially covers the top surface and the side surfaces of the at least one pillar.
9. A method of attaching a slider to a suspension, the method comprising:
providing a slider body having a bearing surface, an opposing mounting surface and an adhesive control feature formed on the mounting surface; and
depositing an adhesive droplet on a portion of the mounting surface and the adhesive control feature such that the adhesive control feature increases a surface area on which the adhesive droplet is deposited.
10. The method of claim 9, wherein the adhesive control feature comprises at least one reservoir each having a bottom surface and side surfaces configured to receive at least a portion of the adhesive droplet.
11. The method of claim 10, wherein depositing the adhesive droplet further comprises depositing the adhesive droplet at least partially in the at least one reservoir to effectively reduce a size of the adhesive droplet deposited on a remainder of the mounting surface.

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12. The method of claim 10, wherein the at least one reservoir further comprises at least one island, at least one island protruding from the bottom surface of each reservoir.
13. The method of claim 12, wherein the at least one island extends from the bottom surface of each reservoir to a first end that is coplanar with the mounting surface.
14. The method of claim 9, wherein the adhesive control feature comprises at least one pillar that protrudes from the mounting surface in a direction generally away from the bearing surface, each pillar having a top surface and side surfaces.
15. The method of claim 14, wherein depositing the adhesive droplet on the adhesive control feature further comprises depositing at least a portion of the adhesive droplet on the at least one pillar such that the adhesive droplet at least partially covers the top surface and the side surfaces of each pillar.
16. A slider for supporting at least one transducer, the slider comprising:
a slider body having a bearing surface and an opposing mounting surface; and
adhesive control means formed on the mounting surface of the slider body to increase a surface area on which an adhesive droplet is deposited.
17. The slider of claim 16, wherein the adhesive control means comprises an adhesive control feature.

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18. The slider of claim 17, wherein the adhesive control feature comprises at least one reservoir formed on the mounting surface of the slider body, each reservoir having a bottom surface and side surfaces.
19. The slider of claim 18, wherein the at least one reservoir further comprises at least one island, the at least one island protruding from each reservoir
20. The slider of claim 17, wherein the adhesive control feature comprises at least one pillar that protrudes from the mounting surface in a direction generally away from the bearing surface, each pillar having a top surface and side surfaces.